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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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Senator Hooper moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to House Amendment (520451) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 6 - 65

5 and insert:

6 within the Executive Office of the Governor, which terminated
7 pursuant to s. 19(f), Article III of the State Constitution on
8 February 17, 2026, is re-created within the Executive Office of
9 the Governor.

10 Section 2. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 252.3711,
11 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:



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12 252.3711 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.—

13 (2) The fund is established for use as a depository for
14 moneys specifically transferred or appropriated to the fund.

15 (a) The moneys deposited in the fund are available as a
16 primary funding source for the Governor for purposes of
17 preparing or responding to a disaster declared by the Governor
18 as a state of emergency that exceeds regularly appropriated
19 funding sources.

20 (b) The moneys in the fund may not be invested as provided
21 in s. 17.61 but must be retained in the fund for investment with
22 interest appropriated to the General Revenue Fund as provided in
23 s. 17.57.

24 (c) The moneys received as federal reimbursements of state
25 emergency expenditures may not be directly deposited in the
26 fund.

27 ~~(3) In accordance with s. 19(f)(2), Art. III of the State~~
28 ~~Constitution, The Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund~~
29 ~~shall, unless terminated sooner, be terminated July 1, 2028 4~~
30 ~~years after the effective date of this act. Before its scheduled~~
31 ~~termination, the fund shall be reviewed as provided in s.~~
32 ~~215.3206(1) and (2).~~

33 Section 3. (1) The unexpended balance of funds in the
34 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund shall immediately
35 revert to the General Revenue Fund. The Chief Financial Officer
36 shall transfer funds in an amount equal to the sum transferred
37 to the General Revenue Fund pursuant to this subsection to the
38 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund from the General
39 Revenue Fund for the purpose of preparing or responding to a
40 disaster declared by the Governor as a state of emergency as



41 provided in s. 252.3711, Florida Statutes.

42 (2) The Chief Financial Officer shall transfer an
43 additional \$250 million from the General Revenue Fund to the
44 Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund, as authorized by s.
45 252.3711, Florida Statutes.

46 (3) All expenditures and payments made from the Emergency
47 Preparedness and Response Fund between the termination of the
48 trust fund and the effective date of this act are hereby
49 ratified and deemed approved. Any encumbrance, debt, or
50 obligation incurred between the termination of the Emergency
51 Preparedness and Response Fund and the effective date of this
52 act is hereby ratified and deemed approved and may be paid from
53 funds available in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund.

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55 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete lines 77 - 82

58 and insert:

59 252.3711, F.S.; providing that moneys in the Emergency
60 Preparedness and Response Fund may not be invested in
61 a specified manner but must be retained in the fund
62 for investment with interest appropriated to the
63 General Revenue Fund; prohibiting moneys received as
64 federal reimbursement of certain state expenditures
65 from being directly deposited in the fund; providing
66 for the termination of the fund on a specified date;
67 providing that certain unexpended funds immediately
68 revert to the General Revenue Fund; requiring the
69 Chief Financial Officer to transfer a certain amount



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70 of funds to the Emergency Preparedness and Response
71 Fund from the General Revenue Fund for specified
72 purposes; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to
73 transfer a specified amount from the General Revenue
74 Fund to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund;
75 ratifying certain expenditures, payments,
76 encumbrances, debts, and obligations and deeming them
77 approved; providing for retroactive application;
78 providing